9th August 1955]

enquiring into those representations and find out whether such applications were rejected and if they had been rejected before, will he be pleased to see that they are granted loans at least now? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, no enquiry is necessary at all in this matter. I can definitely say that the grant of loans is not restricted to ryotwari areas only. The ryots, whether they live in zamindari area or ryotwari area, are eligible for the various loans. But, the only difficulty in zamindari areas is that they are unsurveyed and therefore it takes time to get loan applications verified and get them sanctioned. Because, the identity, the amount of loan applied for and the repaying capacity of the ryots have all to be verified and this must necessarily take some time."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, is the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture aware of the fact that the villagers of Vanapatti estate village which has been taken over by Government, are denied loans for the purchase of bulls for the same reason that the village was unsurveyed whereas loans and subsidies are being granted for the digging of wells and for the purchase of manure? Will the Government take steps to remove this difficulty? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, there is no question of denying any loans. But, while considering applications for loans, certain scrutiny is necessary and it takes time."

Formation of a co-operative society in Tindivanam town.

* 2035 *Q.*—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any co-operative society was formed in Tindivanam town, South Arcot district, to purchase paddy and other foodgrains in February 1955, by the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Tirukkoyilur;

(*b*) whether any publicity was given in the town about the formation of the society;

(*c*) whether any official or non-official was consulted by the Deputy Registrar before making nominations;

(*d*) how many members were nominated by him;

(*e*) how many of them had connexions with co-operative institutions previously;

(*f*) against how many of them there were complaints and enquiries in respect of their dealings with the co-operative institutions in which they had connexions;

(*g*) against how many of them awards were passed by the Arbitration Court for shortage of fund in the societies in which they served; and

(*h*) against how many of them proceedings are still pending with regard to the dealings they had in the co-operative societies?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No, Sir. But the Tindivanam Co-operative Sale Society, which was dormant during the period of control, formally commenced business in February 1955.

" (*b*) As no new society was formed, there was no necessity for any publicity.

" (*c*) There was no nomination by the Deputy Registrar in respect of the Tindivanam Sale Society.

" (*d*) *to* (*h*) In view of the answer to clause (*c*), these questions do not arise."

Suspension of certain village officers.

* 2036 *Q*.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that 50 per cent of the village officers, in Tiruvallur division were placed under suspension and that suspension was subsequently cancelled by the Collector of Chingleput district;

(*b*) if so, the number of such village officers and the reasons for suspending them; and

(*c*) whether the Government issued any instructions for suspending the village officers?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Only 54 village officers (46 headmen and 8 karnams) were placed under suspension in 1954 by the Revenue Divisional Officer. Of these, 26 persons appealed to the Collector. The Collector upheld the suspension orders in 4 cases, modified them in 20 cases and cancelled the orders in 2 cases. The reasons for suspension were slackness in collection work, misappropriation, non-residence in the duty-village and other miscellaneous causes.

" (*c*) No Sir."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that in certain cases the Revenue Divisional Officers have suspended village officers even for trivial offences on unreasonable grounds in the matter of bargaining business? Will the Hon. Minister come forward to issue strict instructions to the Revenue Divisional Officers that suspension of village officers on a large scale is to be stopped at least in future?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, I do not understand what the hon. Member means by 'bargaining